



**20-25 November 2023**

**One of the UK's largest visual effects,  
computer animation and games festivals**

**Bournemouth University, Talbot Campus, Wallisdown Rd, Poole BH12 5BB  
The Hilton Bournemouth, Terrace Rd, Bournemouth BH2 5EL**

Location Key:

**Hilton**

**Talbot Campus**

**Online**



Masterclasses Key:



**Beginner**



**Intermediate**



**Expert**

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# Monday 20 November

## Poole Gateway Building 307 BU Students

11:00-12.00

Fast Sculpting BFX competition session 1

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12:00-13.00

Fast Sculpting BFX competition session 2

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## Fusion Building Inspire LT

16:00-17.00

Animation Jam: voting session

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17:00-18:30

BFX Competitions:  
Game jam voting session

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## Poole Gateway Building 106 Masterclass

10:00-17.00

Victor Perez  
Master of light

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# Tuesday 21 November

## Hilton PhoxTrott - VFX: Speaker Series

10:00-10:15

Welcome to BFX 2023

10:15-10:30

Screening: *Fireworks*

10:30-11:30

Keynote: Paul Franklin / DNEG

The future of virtual production & AI in filmmaking  
- a personal view

12:00-12:50

Ghost VFX

From concept to screen. Examples from *Fast & Furious*

13:00-13:50

Untold Studios

Virgin Media: *Goat Glider*

14:00-14:50

Union VFX

VFX of *The Power*

15:00-15:50

Keynote: Amanda Johnstone-Batt / ILM

Designing the future: the visual world of *The Creator*

16:00-16:50

Keynote: Peter Warbis / Framestore

*Guardians of the Galaxy*

17:00-17:50

Outpost VFX

The Wheel of time: Bringing fantasy worlds to life for the  
Epic Second Season

## Hilton Conference Room Speaker Series

### Academic Symposium

11:40-12:50

Technicolor Creative Studios  
R&D case studies from Technicolor's  
MPC

13:00-13:50

Professor Darren Cosker / Microsoft  
AI for human understanding  
in Mixed Reality

14:00-14:50

Associate Professor He Wang / UCL  
AI for fast digital content creation for  
animation & beyond

15:00-17:00

Academic Symposium:  
Short presentations & panel discussion

## Hilton Poise Masterclasses

10:15-13:15

Jahirul Amin / CAVE Academy  
Shooting HDRIs for VFX



14:00-17:00

Jahirul Amin / CAVE Academy  
Every asset has a story



## Poole Gateway Building 106 Masterclass

10:00-13:00

Petya Georgieva / Chaos  
V-Ray tips & tricks to speed  
up your workflows  
rendering



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# Wednesday 22 November

## Hilton PhoxTrott - Games & Interactivity: Speaker Series

10:00-10:50

Aardman & NoGhost  
Creating the first VR adventure for Wallace and  
Gromit in *The Grand Getaway*

11:00-11:50

Dimension Studio  
Volumetric capture & digital humans in real-  
time & film production

12:00-12:50

Treehouse Digital  
Real-time moviemaking

13:00-14:00

Keynote: Richard Copperwaite / nDreams  
nDreams, *Synapse* & VAR

14:30-15:20

David Pumpa / Playground Games  
Cinematics in games

15:30-16:20

Frontier  
Tech Anim: The forging of a cinematic

16:30-17:20

Keynote: Leah Caldwell / Larian Studios  
Production of *Baldur's Gate III*:  
Embracing the Tadpole

## Hilton Conference Room - Selections & Panels: Speaker Series

10:00-11:50

Screening & Panel: AI in animation

12:00-12:50

CAVE Academy  
Taking care of yourself in the creative industry

13:00-13:50

INVIDAR  
Hyperrealistic digital human

14:05-15:30

Untold Studios & Black Kite  
Screening & Panel: VFX in music videos

15:40-16:20

Random 42  
Applications of AR/VR/XR in visualisation

16:30-17:20

Aardman / NoGost /  
Nexus Studios / Random 42  
Panel: Immersive technologies in media

## Hilton Poise - Tech & Media: Speaker Series

10:00-13:00

BU research students/VR/Exergames  
Technical demos

14:00-15:00

Panel: Affect in creative practice

15:30-16:30

Playground Games  
Portfolio reviews: Games

## Poole Gateway Building 106 Masterclass

14:00-17:00

Jahirul Amin / CAVE Academy  
Introduction to  
surfacing for VFX



## Fusion Building - Share LT

18:00-Late

Joe Darko / Sony Animation  
Screening and Q&A:  
*Spider-Man:*  
*Across the Spider-Verse*

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# Thursday 23 November

## Hilton PhoxTrott Animation: Speaker Series

9:45-10:50

Cinesite

Part 1: Animating *TMNT Mutant Mayhem*

Part 2: Creature design & ideation

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11:00-11:50

DNEG

Shine bright like *Nimona*

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12:00-13:00

Keynote: Joe Darko / Sony Picture Imageworks

The Spider Within:

A Spider-Verse Story

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13:30-14:30

Keynote: Scott Eaton

OUT of DISTRIBUTION: Thriving creatively in the  
age of AI

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15:00-15:50

Framestore

Infectiously pink: How Farsight helped visualise  
*The Last of Us* & *Barbie*

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16:00-17:00

Locksmith Animation

Storytelling in animation: from Pixar to Locksmith  
Animation

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17:00-18:30

Locksmith Animation

Screening: *Eye Candy Show*

## Hilton Conference Room Industry & Panels: Speaker Series

10:00-11:00

Meet the industry: Fast forward

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11:00-11:30

Playground Games

Recruitment talk: How to get into games

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12:00-13:30

Axis Studios / BlueBolt

Recruitment Panel:

Skills & tips to get into VFX

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14:00-14:50

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Animation/VFX portfolio essentials

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15:00-15:50

Axis Studios

Entering the industry

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16:00-17:30

Autodesk Arnold / Chaos

Panel: Advances in  
production rendering

## Hilton Poise - Portfolio reviews: Speaker Series

15:00-17:00

SIGGRAPH LONDON

Recruitment event - portfolio reviews:  
Arts, animation & visual effects

## Poole Gateway Building 106 Masterclass

14:00-17:00

George Caton-Coult / Pop Paper City

Scriptwriting  
for animation



## Hilton Foyer - Speaker Series

10:00-17:00

Recruitment event

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# Friday 24 November

## Poole Gateway Building Ground Floor Speaker Series

10:00-16:00

Recruitment event

## Poole Gateway Building 106 Masterclass

10:00-17:00

Arran Baker / Moon Studios  
Animation Workflow:  
The five main keys of animation



## Poole Gateway Building 302 Masterclasses

10:00-13:00

Melania Fodritto / Outpost  
Digital compositing: a case study



14:00-17:00

Vasil Shotarov / BlueZoo  
Non-destructive rigging  
for the greater good



## Fusion Building, Share LT Speaker Series

14:00-15:00

Outpost VFX / BlueBolt / Freefolk  
Panel discussion  
*Napoleon* launch event: A VFX perspective  
BU students only - free to attend

15:30-17:00

NCCA Alumni:  
Where you can be in five years

18:00-Late

Screening: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.3*

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# Saturday 25 November | Family & Community

## Kimmeridge House KG01 Speaker Series

**10:00-10:45**

**Other Skies**  
**3D studio start-up storytime**

**11:00-11:45**

**Bournemouth University**  
**Drive it forward: VR**  
**Metaverse**

**12:00-12:45**

**BlueZoo**  
**LEGO City No Limits: Brick to**  
**screen**

**13:00-13:45**

**Mori Mori Studio**  
**Making your own Preschool**  
**Cartoon - Millie and Lou**

**14:00-14:45**

**Amuzo Games**

**15:00-16:00**

**Panel:**  
**Animation, Games & Visual**  
**Effects in BCP & Dorset area**

**16:15-17:30**

**BFX Festival**  
**Awards ceremony & closing**

## Kimmeridge House K101 Speaker Series

*These workshops are  
included in your Speaker  
Series ticket, please sign up  
at the check-in desk. Tickets  
are allocated on a first-come  
first-served basis.*

**10:00-11:00**

**Aardman Modelmaking**  
**Shuan the Sheep**

**12:00-13:00**

**Aardman Modelmaking**  
**Feathers**

**14:00-15:00**

**Aardman Modelmaking**  
**Shuan the Sheep**

## Kimmeridge House K103 Speaker Series

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included in your Speaker  
Series ticket, please sign up  
at the check-in desk. Tickets  
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first-served basis.*

**11:00-12:00**

**Treehouse Digital**  
**A miniature model making**  
**workshop**

**12:30-13:30**

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**A miniature model making**  
**workshop**

**14:00-15:45**

**Animation Society**  
**Stop-motion animation:**  
**Claymation & Paper cut**  
**animation**

## Kimmeridge House Marconi LT Speaker Series

**10:00-11:00**

**Screening:**  
**Aardman shorts**

**11:00-12:00**

**Screening:**  
**Best undergraduate student**  
**animations**  
**from the NCCA**

**12:00-13:00**

**Screening:**  
**Selections from**  
**BFX 2023**

**13:00-15:00**

**Screening:**  
**Best postgraduate student**  
**animations**  
**from the NCCA**

**15:00-16:00**

**Screening:**  
**Aardman shorts**

## Poole Gateway Building Soundstage - Masterclass

**10:00-17:00**

**Ace Ruele / Creature Bionics**  
**Acting for**  
**Animators**



## Poole Gateway Building 106 Masterclass

**10:00-17:00**

**Chris Antoniou / Outpost**  
**Modelling**  
**Digi-doubles**



## Poole Gateway Building 302 Masterclass

**10:00-12:30**

**Tom Minor / Autodesk Arnold**  
**Shading tricks**  
**in Arnold**



## Kimmeridge House KG03 Speaker Series

**10:00-10:45**

**Bournemouth University**  
**Animation Society: Character**  
**design**

**12:00-12:45**

**Bournemouth University**  
**Shaping the virtual Metaverse**

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